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GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES 60 JOBS IN ALAMANCE COUNTY
One North Carolina Fund Grant Helps Nypro Carolina Expand in Mebane

RALEIGH - Gov. Mike Easley today announced that Nypro Carolina will expand its plastics manufacturing operations in Alamance County, creating 60 jobs and investing \$6.5 million during the next three years. The announcement was made possible in part by a \$150,000 One North Carolina Fund grant.

"North Carolina is a national leader for plastics employment and this announcement strengthens that position," said Easley. "Nypro's decision is further evidence that our business-friendly climate is encouraging firms to expand here."

Nypro Carolina, a division of Nypro Inc., is a supplier of plastics components for the consumer electronics, healthcare, packaging and automotive industries. The company currently employs 44 people at its facility in Graham and about 300 statewide. The company is unable to expand at the Graham facility and will relocate to a larger facility in Mebane, transferring the existing workers and creating 60 new jobs. While wages will vary by job function, the average weekly wage of the new jobs will be \$552 plus benefits, which is more than the average county wage of \$542, not including benefits.

"Nypro has been pleased to have operations in Graham and the Asheville area for many years, and we look forward to continuing to grow in the supportive state of North Carolina," said Ted Lapres, president and CEO of Nypro Inc.

"The Senate has enacted policies that encourage businesses, such as Nypro, to grow in our state," said state Sen. Tony Foriest (D-Alamance, Caswell). "I will continue to work to make sure that companies see North Carolina as a place to grow and prosper."

"I am proud of the work the state House of Representatives has done to establish the kind of pro-business climate that attracts new jobs," said state Rep. Alice Bordsen (D-Alamance). "As a member of the General Assembly, I will work to make sure our workforce has the kind of education and dedication employers seek."

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